

(FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH LOCALIZED INFORMATION)

A PROCLAMATION

By the **(title of individual making proclamation)** of the State of **(state name)**.

WHEREAS, the State of **(state name)** is a leader in supporting highway-rail grade crossing and pedestrian safety programs; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes during YEAR **(insert YEAR for the most recent statistics)** resulted in **(insert number of people killed in your state in YEAR)** persons killed and another **(insert number injured in your state)** injured in the state of **(insert name of state)**; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the YEAR **(insert the YEAR of the most recent statistics available)** resulted in **(insert number of people killed trespassing in your state in YEAR)** persons killed and another **(insert number of people injured in your state trespassing)** injured in the state of **(insert name of state)**; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could have been prevented by increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and around railroad property and the appropriate safety laws, and

WHEREAS, Operation Lifesaver is the foremost public information and education program dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents; and

WHEREAS, on **(September 23-29, 2018 OR date you select)**, and throughout the year, all citizens are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains; and

WHEREAS, this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossings crashes and pedestrian/railroad incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I **(name of individual, usually governor or mayor), (title)** of the state of **(insert your state's name)**, do hereby proclaim **(insert date this statement will be enforced)** as **(state's name)** Rail Safety Week and encourage all citizens to participate in activities to reduce crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents during this week and throughout the year. **(insert date and year for event)**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the **State of (name of state) to be affixed this (date) day of (month), in the year (year)**.

ATTEST:

(Witness Name)

(Signature of Proclaimer)

(Witness Title)

(Title of Proclaimer)